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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Medal of Honor Day is celebrated on the
2 25th day of March each year; and

3 WHEREAS, The highest distinction for valor in combat, the
4 Medal of Honor recognizes members of the United States armed forces
5 who have gone above and beyond the call of duty by demonstrating
6 conspicuous gallantry at the risk of their lives; the medal is
7 awarded by the U.S. President in the name of Congress; and

8 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor was authorized in 1861 for
9 members of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, and it was expanded to
10 include members of the U.S. Army the following year; the first
11 awards were bestowed to six men by the Secretary of War on March 25,
12 1863; since the award's inception, 3,535 medals have been presented
13 to 3,516 recipients in all service branches of the Department of
14 Defense; the medal was originally worn on the lapel, but today, it
15 is the only U.S. military medal that is worn around the neck; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the past 160 years, the Medal of Honor has
17 recognized those members of the nation's armed forces who have
18 greatly distinguished themselves through their acts of valor,
19 humanity, patriotism, and sacrifice, and the annual commemoration
20 of National Medal of Honor Day helps ensure that their stories will
21 remain a source of inspiration for years to come; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate National Medal of Honor Day on

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1 March 25, 2023, and encourage all Texans to learn more about the
2 award and its recipients.